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ABSTRACT

Books in the Opposing Viewpoints Series present debates about current issues that can be used to teach critical reading and thinking skills. The variety of opinions expressed in this collection of articles and book excerpts explore many aspects of illegal immigration. Contrary depictions of the aspirations and attitudes of illegal immigrants fuel the debate over illegal immigration. Many argue that the government should adopt measures to make it less attractive to come to the United States or to remain in this country illegally. Others agree that it is necessary to discourage illegal immigrants from entering America, but they argue that the government should not punish those who are already residing in the United States. Central to the discussion is the issue of the use of public services and benefits by illegal immigrants. Factors that attract illegal immigrants and measures to deter them are discussed in the 24 selections in this collection, grouped into the following chapters: (1) "Would New Measures Targeting Illegal Immigrants Be Fair?"; (2) "Do Illegal Immigrants Harm America?"; (3) "How Should America Respond to Illegal Immigration?"; and (4) "Are Illegal Immigrants Being Victimized?" A bibliography of periodical articles follows each chapter, and a bibliography of 28 books appears at the end. Fourteen organizations are listed as resources that can be contacted for further information. (SLD)

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